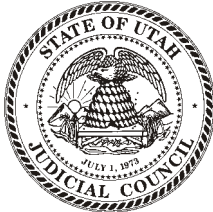


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UTAH STATE COURT PRESENTS JUDICIAL AWARDS

The Utah State Courts presented Gary B. Doxey, Governor Olene Walker's chief of staff, with the 2004 Amicus Curiae Award and the Seventh District Justice Court Judge Elayne Storrs with the 2004 Quality Justice Award on Sept. 9, 2004 at the annual Judicial Conference. In addition, six court employees received judicial awards and Second District Court and the Clerks Quick Reference Committee received the 2004 Records Quality Award.

The 2004 Amicus Curiae (Friend of the Court) Award was presented to Gary B. Doxey for his work on issues to maintain a strong judiciary. Prior to becoming Governor Walker's chief of staff, Doxey served through two terms of the Leavitt/Walker administration as general counsel to the governor.

The 2004 Quality of Justice Award was presented to the Honorable Elayne Storrs, Seventh District Justice Court for her tireless work to insure a fair judicial system. Storrs has worked to improve the quality of Justice Courts through educational programs and information sharing.

Second District Trial Court Executive Sharon Hancey received the 2004 Judicial Administration Award for outstanding work in the First Judicial District. During her seven years as trial court executive, Hancey has played an integral role in construction of new courthouses in Brigham City and Logan.

Third District Juvenile Court Program Coordinator Marlene Brown received a 2004 Meritorious Service Award for her work in the district's training activities, as well as her outstanding management and team building skills. In addition, Brown has been active in numerous court-related committees.

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Fourth District Court Lead Deputy Court Clerk Jenny Christensen received a 2004 Meritorious Service Award for timely and accurate record keeping of court proceedings and for assisting others in doing the same. Christensen has exceptional work and interpersonal skills and is considered a source of knowledge for others.

Third District Court Deputy Court Clerk Rhonda Meeks received a 2004 Meritorious Service Award for her dedication to serving the public, coworkers, attorneys, and the court. Meeks is always available to assist co-workers and willingly lends a hand when needed.

Second District Juvenile Court Probation Officer Jeffrey Rivas received a 2004 Meritorious Service Award for professionalism in handling conflict, problem-solving skills, and leadership abilities. Rivas promotes quality customer service and open communication amongst his staff.

Third District Juvenile Court Lead Clerk Deon Stroman received the 2004 Records Quality Award for her help in successfully transferring a Third District Juvenile Court judge's entire caseload from the Sandy Courthouse to the Matheson Courthouse.

In addition, two Records Quality Awards were presented at the conference: one to the Clerks Quick Reference Committee and a second to the Second District Court. The Clerks Quick Reference Committee was recognized for improving records quality in the Juvenile Court by standardizing procedures statewide. The Second District Court was recognized for implementing a program to scan all civil, domestic, probate, and adoption pleadings electronically.

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